



**MECOSTA-OSCEOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
15760 190TH AVENUE, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307**

APRIL 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on Monday, Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Resource Center of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15800 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

President Wilkerson officially called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wyman, Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas
Sheri Thompson, Marie Wilkerson

MEMBERS VIRTUAL: Cathy Browsers via Zoom from Rodney Michigan
Mark Sochocki via Zoom Big Rapids Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Under regular order of business, President Wilkerson asked if there were any “**Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**” There were none.

President Wilkerson then asked if there were any “**Communications.**” Superintendent Locke acknowledged and congratulated Mike Wyman on earning his Level 4 Master Board Member Award.

Consent Agenda Items:

Under the “Consent Agenda” for Board approval are the:

- Minutes from March 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- February March Financial Reports and Bills

- Personnel Resignations & Appointments
 - There is one new hire at this time:
 - Rhonda Waldorf, Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired

 - There are three resignations at this time:
 - Penny Marek, Teacher (effective 6/30/21)
 - Christy Miles, Teacher Consultant (effective 6/5/21)
 - Carol Ray, Teacher Consultant of the Visually Impaired

Also, on the consent agenda for Board consideration are the probationary professional staff recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year and the one-year administrative contract extensions as follows:

- [Fifth-year probationary status](#) to Speech Pathologist **Annelise Folkema**; Teacher **Kimberly Habra**; Teacher **Krista Tiedt**.
- [Fourth-year probationary status](#) Occupational Therapist **Brianna Ballew**; Speech Pathologist **Arienne Boynton**; Social Worker **Kristin Brookhouse**; Social Worker **Shelby Chase**; Social Worker **Jamie Deverage**; Speech Pathologist **Emily Hebert**; Social Worker **Lindsey LaGrow**; CTE Instructor **Roger Meinert**.
- [Third-year probationary status](#) to Teacher **Diana Bitler**; Teacher Consultant **Monica Dukes**; School Nurse **Brandee Fountain**;
Teacher Consultant **Rachel Frank**; Teacher **Aimee Gatrell**; Teacher **Tina Gross**; Speech Pathologist **Cortney Krugman**; Teacher **Sally Park**, Teacher **Katie Rice**; Speech Pathologist **Jordyn Stromback**; Social Worker **Christi Waldman**.
- [Second-year probationary status](#) to Social Worker **Micah Beckman**; Speech Pathologist **Megin Boes**; Social Worker **Whitney Buffa**; Psychologist **Brittney Heikkila**; CTE Instructor **Matthew Kidd**; CTE Instructor **Jake Kinsland**; Speech Pathologist **Olivia Martin**; Teacher Consultant **Tammy Riley**; Teacher **Ronald Suemnick**.
- [Administrative contract extension recommendations](#) through the 2022-23 school year are as follows: **Mark Klumpp, Tonya Harrison, Ayla Lockhart, Christy Miller, Mike Miller, Karlene Rader, Karen Roy, Fred Sharpsteen, Jen Vidak, Pat Craven, Jaime Knapp, Jenny Knopf, Caleb Martz, and Cheryl Wright**.

Per Board policy, Board members and Superintendent conference requests for overnight travel and reimbursement must be approved by the Board.

- There was one at this time:
 - Superintendent Locke, MASA Annual Summer Conference 6/22/21-6/26/21 in Houghton, MI.

There was a motion by Member Thompson, supported by Member Browers, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers,
Heidi Speese, Larry Sredersas, Marie Wilkerson
NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Superintendent's Report"

- **Board Showcase:**

Superintendent Locke announced that the Director of Special Education Christy Miller would present the Board Showcase. Christy Miller introduced Jaime Knape, Special Education Supervisor, and announced that they would present on ISD considerations and coaching. Mrs. Knape explained we looked at the instructional coach process and what services and programs students are receiving. Upon reviewing data gathered from local districts, it was discovered that districts needed more support, so a considerations coach was implemented to help build comfort with the process. The ISD district-wide Considerations Coach is Jaime Knape. Mrs. Knape explained that the process is used to get results for kids and to keep them in local districts with their peers if possible. The goal is that students are in the least restrictive environment and are in General Education to the maximum extent possible. She reviewed the considerations process. District/staff reach out and work with the team and coach to review data, determine student strengths and struggles, review the current IEP to address concerns and skills deficits, and then strategize student needs and programs to meet those needs while adhering to FAPE. She indicated that 40 students served this year from our local districts. We are all working together to get students where they need to be, and all districts have been part of this process to some degree. There were comments, questions, and discussion among the Board.

- **Department Updates:**

- Superintendent Locke asked the Board if there were any questions or feedback. There were comments from the Board on various sections of the report.

- **MOISD Updates/News-** Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- Last Friday, the Governor recommended all secondary schools and sports to take a two-week pause. He indicated after speaking with the local Health Department and superintendents; it was agreed to stay open as long as building and district data supported it.
- **COVID:** Numbers have jumped back up, increasing the time and attention needed to monitor. The likelihood is this will be with us for the next school year as well.
- **Antigen Tests and the ISD Role:** The ISD receives the antigen tests for athletics and distributes them to the LEA's.
- **CBA MASB Board Training Class:** 13 of the 42 local board members have responded to what date, time, and class they would prefer. We are hoping to get more participation after LEA board meetings occur.
- **County School Board Meeting:** LEA Superintendents are taking a wait-and-see approach and will revisit this in a couple of weeks to determine status.
- **2021-2022 School Year Planning has begun.**

Under "Board Business"

ACTION ITEMS:

No. 25... Consideration of Reconfirmation of the Mecosta- Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Superintendent Locke reviewed the report for the March 2021 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation documentation with the Board. He reported attendance rates and indicated there is no plan to change anything up at this time. We will continue to offer face-to-face instruction. There were no questions from the public.

There was a motion by Member Sredersas, supported by Member Speese, to approve the Mecosta-Osceola ISD Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

A roll call vote resulted in the following:

AYES: Mike Wyman, Sheri Thompson, Mark Sochocki, Cathy Browers,
Larry Sredersas, Heidi Speese, Marie Wilkerson
NAYES: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Under "Discussion/Informational Items," – Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- **2021-22 Budget Assumptions:** Superintendent Locke indicated the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting where Mark Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent, and Jen Vidak, Director of Finance, reported on the 2021-22 Budget Assumptions. Mrs. Vidak was present for questions regarding the 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions for the General Fund, Special Education Fund, CTE Fund, the MOP COOP Fund, and the Capital Project Fund. These budgets will be sent to the LEA's for approval for the General Fund at their May Board meeting.
- **Legislative Update:**
 - House Budget: the 2021-2022 is expected to be our sometime in the next two weeks.
 - Teacher Evaluation and Student Growth
 - State Assessments/testing: The State's application to waive the State's summative assessment was denied by the Department of Education.
- **Operational Update-** Assistant Superintendent Mark Klumpp reported the following:
 - **Health Department Clinics:** The Health Department has asked to use the MOISD Miller North & South conference rooms as a location for second dose COVID vaccines. The first clinic will be held on April 23rd then will occur every Friday through May.
 - **COVID Protocols:** are continuing.
 - **MDHSS Orders:** considering orders that are impacting remote work.
- **Summer School Plan:** Plans are moving forward and we are partnering with Eagle Village and Cranhill Ranch. Summer School applications are due April 15, 2021. This will be an eight-week Monday – Friday program. An Activities Coordinator and Academic Coordinator for Summer School have been identified. All LEA districts are participating, except for Crossroads Charter. There will be a Summer School/Camp flyer distributed.

Under "Future Items"- the following was discussed:

- **Biannual Election:** June 7, 2021, there are three seats up for re-election.

- **Superintendent Evaluation:** the Personnel Committee will meet prior to the May Board meeting.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments
- Assistant Superintendent, Mark Klumpp, informed the Board that the MOISD had been named the beneficiary of an estate. He will have more information and update in the next 4-5 months once more information is available.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Wilkerson at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Wilkerson, President

Mike Wyman, Secretary